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USACE offers annual watercraft, boating safety course

MOBILE, Ala. – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 81 are scheduled to conduct the annual, two-day personal watercraft and boating safety course for residents of Georgia and Alabama May 17 and May 19 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. EST at the USACE West Point Lake Project Management Office in West Point, Ga.

This course provides information on legal requirements, navigation rules, preventing personal watercraft and boating accidents, and new boating laws.

“Participants receive a certificate from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources upon completion of this course,” USACE Park Ranger Steven Rector said. “This certificate exempts Alabama residents from taking the required written exam when obtaining an Alabama boating license.”

The course also meets Georgia's law that requires completion of a safety boating course for people ages 12 - 15 who wish to operate a personal watercraft or boat without adult supervision.

According to Rector, there is a \$15 fee for attendance, which is collected during the first night. At least 10 students must register for the class to be held, and a maximum of 40 participants can be accommodated on a first come, first served basis.

Contact the West Point Lake Project Management Office to pre-register at 706-645-2937. Visit <http://westpt.sam.usace.army.mil/> for more information on West Point Lake.

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